

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

Priorities for children's food and nutrition policy - advertising, obesity and school meals

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 26th November 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing current issues for children's food policy and best practice going forward to protect children's health**
Kristin Bash, Chair, Food Special Interest Group, Faculty of Public Health
- 9.20 **Strategies for tackling childhood obesity and supporting children and families to make healthier food choices**
the new Government's plans, and options for policy and regulation | overcoming challenges for implementing restrictions on HFSS food advertising to children | supporting healthier diets and tackling domestic food insecurity | public messaging and priorities for improving public health | addressing barriers to provide weight management support for children and families | strategies for reducing inequalities and meeting the needs of at-risk groups | improving access to healthy, affordable nutritious food | practicalities for introducing a ban on caffeinated energy drinks to under-16s
Mark Jones, Partner, Gordons
Senior representative, advertising
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, primary care
Senior academic
- 9.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Next steps for healthy diets, childhood obesity and options for the food environment**
Kevin Dodds, Deputy Director, Healthy Weight and Nutrition, Department of Health and Social Care
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Priorities for improving school food standards, compliance and the wider school food system**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Key lessons and developments from the London free school meal rollout**
Marina Ahmad AM, Chair, Economy, Culture and Skills Committee, London Assembly
- 11.40 **Examining options for expanding free school meal provision and access to healthy and nutritious food in schools**
options for funding free school meal schemes | tackling challenges around expanding eligibility and reducing inequalities | priorities for introducing breakfast clubs for primary school children | issues for funding and compliance for local authorities | opportunities to increase nutrition uptake | identifying at-risk households | funding improvements to school kitchens and facilities to meet capacity demands
Stephanie Slater, Founder and Chief Executive, School Food Matters
Senior representative, education
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, catering
Senior representative, households
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The future direction for supporting children's access to food in schools**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum